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17th Aruba International Pro-Am Golf tournament starts today



Colombian team with Dive GM Alex Nieuwmeier and Links pro Donald Ross



Golf Media with Cadochi Kock, TDS pro Adam Williamson and Bas van den Nieuwenhuijzen

Tierra Del Sol Golf Pro Adam Williamson described this 17th edition of the Aruba Tourism Authority sponsored International Pro-Am golf tournament as very successful, with greatly increased participation. 31 teams and 155 players will hit the links today for two full rounds as they attempt to win the coveted trophies to be awarded tomorrow night.

ATA representatives Amayra Boekhoudt and Mandy Lopez welcomed members of the U.S. team, who are also representing golf magazines and will be cover-

ing events while they hit the greens. Bobby Harris out of Miami is writing for G Magazine, Avidgolfer sent Michael Hiller from Dallas, Marc Atchinson from Canada will report for Travel Life Magazine, and Ted Johnson, based in San Francisco, represents Fore and Avidgolfter. They were treated to a welcome cocktail and the hospitality of Bas van den Nieuwenhuijzen of Tierra Del Sol Country Club and Golf Course upon arrival; Bas will also be playing on the TDS team captained by Pro James Kiley. Aruban sports re-

porter and veteran competitor in the event, Cadochi Kock, was also on hand.

Teams from the U.S.A., Colombia and Brazil enjoyed a welcome dinner at Mulligan's, located in the clubhouse of The Links, Aruba's 9-hole course, which is part of Divi Properties. Alex Nieuwmeier, Gen-

eral Manager of Divi Properties Aruba, and Links Golf Pro, Donald Ross stopped by to welcome the Latin teams and one of the U.S. team captains, tennis pro Steve Donnelly, from Hamlet Golf and Country Club, Long Island.

Adam, a three-time first place winner over the past five

years of the Pro-Am, will captain one of the Aruban teams. Teams consist of 4 amateur players with a professional captain and mentor, to assist them in improving their quality of play. Aaron West and Nigel Barrow will compete with the other two Aruba teams.

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

New York orders first-ever mass storm evacuation

NEW YORK (AFP) - New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg on Friday ordered an unprecedented mass evacuation and the closure of the subway as millions of Americans along the east coast battened down for Hurricane Irene.

US President Barack Obama cut short his summer vacation and urged Americans in the path of the storm to take immediate action, saying "all indications point to this being a historic hurricane."

The Category Two hurricane, packing winds of 100 miles (155 kilometers) per hour, was set to slam into the coast of North Carolina today before churning up the eastern seaboard towards Washington, New York and Boston.

The densely populated corridor, home to more than 65 million people, was under the threat of flooding, storm surges, power outages and de-

struction that experts said could cost up to \$12 billion.

Bloomberg told a news conference he had ordered the first-ever mass evacuations from low-lying areas across the Big Apple that are home to some 250,000 people, calling it a "matter of life or death."

Authorities had earlier announced that New York's massive transit system would begin to shut down midday Saturday in another rare move that could hinder transport into Monday's rush hour.

Heavy rains on ground already soaked from weeks of wet weather could worsen the risk of falling trees, and the wind-driven seawater could swell already high new moon tides, sending a storm surge up the Hudson river that could swamp lower Manhattan and the city's underground train system.

New York state meanwhile said major links into the city

would be cut if winds exceeded 60 miles per hour, as predicted.

Authorities have called up 900 National Guard troops and 2,500 power workers to prepare for emergency repair work, the largest ever deployment.

And neighboring New Jersey on Thursday ordered 750,000 people out of the Cape May area.

It said Irene had weakened slightly and would lose strength once it hit land on Saturday, but would remain a hurricane as it moved up the eastern seaboard, passing over or near the mid-Atlantic Saturday night.

Irene's approach stirred painful memories of Hurricane Katrina, which smashed into the Gulf Coast in 2005, stranding thousands of people in New Orleans and overwhelming poorly-prepared local and federal authorities.



MONTERREY (AFP) - Mexicans were in shocked mourning on Friday after a suspected drug gang torched a crowded casino, trapping scores of people in the smoke-filled building and killing 52. Journalistic reports indicate that several casinos in Monterrey have been attacked --the last, last May-- because their owners have refused to pay extortion, another source of income for the drug traffickers. Nuevo Leon is one of the scenarios most affected by the clashes between drug traffickers and the security forces which have left a balance of more than 41,000 killed since December 2006, when the government launched a strategy to combat them with the participation of the army.
AFP PHOTO

Suicide bomb kills 18 at UN compound in Nigeria capital

ABUJA (AFP) - A suicide bomb blast rocked the UN compound in the Nigerian capital Abuja on Friday, killing at least 18 people, blowing out much of the building and marking a sharp escalation in a wave of attacks.

The huge bomb went off after a suspect forced his way through two security gates and rammed his car into the building. The first two floors were blown out and rescue workers scrambled to help those left inside.

A man claiming to be a

spokesman for the Nigerian Islamist sect known as Boko Haram claimed responsibility for the attack in a telephone call to AFP and threatened further violence. The veracity of his claims could not be confirmed.

Boko Haram has been blamed for scores of bombings in recent months in Africa's most populous nation and largest oil producer.

Such attacks, however, have not targeted international organisations, and Friday's bomb marked a new level of audaciousness.

No mercy in Tripoli fighting

TRIPOLI (AFP) - Beatings, lynchings and summary executions: Moamer Kadhafi's fighters and their rebel opponents have shown little mercy for each other in the heavy battles for the control of Tripoli in the past few days.

In the southern district of Abu Slim, a generally pro-Kadhafi neighbourhood, scores of corpses rot in the sun near the Bab al-Aziziya compound from where the strongman ruled Libya for more than four decades.

Several bodies had been bound and shot in the back in what some of the rebels admitted in hushed tones had been a summary execution.

They charged that Kadhafi's forces had been guilty of much worse offences in the months since the uprising began in mid-February, torturing and shooting people,

using heavy weapons against protestors and shelling cities with heavy artillery.

Such incidents reported in the media and backed by rights groups have eroded support for Kadhafi, but failed to deter the loyalist forces from using similar tactics in their battle with the rebels in Tripoli.

Rights groups like Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International have repeatedly condemned violations in the war in Libya, often by Kadhafi forces, but also by the rebels.

Amnesty claimed that pro-regime forces had raped boys at the Abu Slim prison in Tripoli, but also accused rebels of holding prisoner African migrant workers it suspected of being mercenaries.

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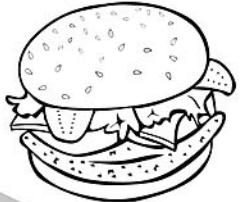
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Bad weather does havoc in the Noord Area



Some 32 families, 4 public schools and a church building were heavily affected by strong winds. The Aruba government mobilized their departments into the emergency situation in Noord. Every department was on hand to offer a helping hand as rapidly as possible to those affected by the strong winds. The winds wreaked havoc in the Noord area from San Miguel to Alto

Vista.

All ministers of government met with the different departments – DAS Department of Social Affairs, Police Force, DOW, Fire Brigade, Education, and the Red Cross to plan how they would tackle the situation. In Thursday's press conference presided by Minister Mike de Meza (sitting in for absent Prime Minister on a business

trip), shared exactly how the government was committed to helping those who became victim of the situation.

The government worked hard on trying to assess the damage, which they already calculate to be a couple of million Aruban florins, with the greatest damage to be school buildings.

The Minister emphasized that the insurance companies will continue to be responsible for those instances carrying insurance policies. On the other hand, the government will evaluate what they could do immediately to alleviate those hit by this disaster.

The Minister of Education, Arthur Dowers, indicated that more than 1000 children were affected by the damages caused by the heavy winds. Schools in Washington, kindergarten as well as primary, and Sint Alouisius School remain closed on Thursday. St. Anna School will remain closed until it can be completely renovated. They still have to decide what to do with the children of this closed school - where to relocate them while the school is being renovated.




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WEB announced Recip 3 reaches highest point; will begin operating end of September



Highest point of Recip 3 and water vapor recycling system

Yesterday morning, island media enjoyed a walk-through tour of the newest power plant under construction at Water-En Energiebedrijf N.V., (WEB), which produces the water and power for the island. RECIP 3, (Reciprocating Internal Com-

bustion Engines) will replace 3 of the boiler and steam turbine units with more efficient and modern technology. WEB broke ground in November of last year for the new plant and announced it will begin operation at the end of September.

Project Manager Maas van Drie and Project Leader Francis Ras explained the advantages of the new system, consisting of 4 turbines producing 11 mgw each, which are capable of running on either heavy fuel oil or diesel, depending on which is cheapest. This is part of a long-term plan, decided on after studies conducted by experts in 2003-2004, advising WEB executives to work toward a facility that was as cost-efficient as possible in regards to oil consumption, while stabilizing power and water production cost and tariffs.

More efficient SWRO water purifying systems are part of the plan, as is the Vader Piet Wind Mill Farm. When Recip 3 is operational it will produce 40% of Aruba's energy requirements; it will also herald the retirement of 3 boiler turbine units and reduce fuel consumption by bbl HFO per day. One of the old tur-



One of four new engines in Recip III

bines will be completely decommissioned, the other two placed in "mothballs," likely deployed while the other power producing plants are being serviced. Not only will this new facility require 35% less fuel to produce a single MGW over the old system, but it will reduce stack emissions by 124,000 MT CO2 per year, as they are 28 to 41 percent more efficient.

To insure efficiency, a radiator system to water cool the turbines has also been constructed, "as this is really almost exactly the same system that runs a car," explained Francis Ras. Additionally, the steam waste vapor from the turbines will be recycled to power WEB's water purification plants, providing an 85% fuel savings for that system.

Island media was welcomed to the construction site in Balashi by Site Manager Leif Strom and Safety and Environment Manager Jorge Ortega. The impressive new facility manu-



Project Leader Frances Ras and Project Mgr Maas van Drie



Site Mgr Leif Strom and Safety and Environment Mgr Jorge Ortega

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Bad weather...

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DOW and the Fire Brigade will draw up a report of what kind of expense will be involved to repair the damages caused to different structures. With respect to the damaged pews in the Santa Anna Church, Minister Sievinger reported that those pews will be stored in the warehouse on the waterfront storage area while a few containers will be made available for the storage of household furniture from damaged homes.

Several contractors were approached to ascertain how soon they could get the repairs done and do necessary reconstruction work in the damaged areas and homes. The government has also instructed their departments to arrange for security measures for the damaged homes, etc.

Minister of Social Affairs, Michelle Winklaar-Hooyboer explained that the DAS office was mobilized to also evaluate the situation. At least 32 families were affected, with only one family not having anywhere to go. This family was then directed to the housing at the Red Cross for temporary housing. The government has indicated that they will continue to meet and to monitor the situation. They are intent on doing whatever is necessary to ensure that all citizens are properly taken care of.

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US team with pro Steve Donnelly with his son Liam

Visiting pros include: Gustavo Hernandez, Alfredo Adrian, Jesus Santander, Otto Solis, Juan Carlos Berastegui, Emil Rodriguez, Juan Guerra, Jose Montero,

and Rafael Delgado playing for Venezuela. Matthew Lowe, Herbert Con, Louis Cannegieter, and Oliver Riding- former TDS Pro, are captaining the Curacao

teams. Wanderley Maciel, Robson Gomez, and Fernando Soares head the Brazilian teams, and Juan Carlos Ruiz and Luiz Martins will be leading the teams



from Colombia and Bolivia, respectively. There are three more teams from the U.S. led by Scott Nei, Greg Beavan and Fred Riedel. New to the event are two teams from Bermuda captained by

Dwayne Pearman and Francis Rabain and one team from Jamaica led by Peter Horrobin. Puerto Rico has one entry with Seth Henrich mentoring.

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Sci-Tech

Google plots Hurricane Irene with online map

(AFP) -- Internet giant Google has rolled out an online map tracking the path of Hurricane Irene and providing other useful information about the storm headed for the US east coast.

Scientists still struggle to identify 9/11 remains

(AFP) -- In a laboratory in the center of Manhattan scientists continue to struggle to put names to the remains of victims from the September 11, 2001 attacks, some 40 percent of which are still unidentified.

"It's not a legal obligation because everybody has a death certificate. It's an ethical-moral decision," said Mechthild Prinz.

The names of the people who died in the explosions, fires and collapse in the Twin Towers on 9/11 are known, but the violence was so extreme that even a decade later it takes painstaking forensic work to match those identities to the human fragments found at the site.

The map, located at crisis-landing.appspot.com, is a product of the Google Crisis Response team, which provides online tools to help with relief efforts following natural disasters.

The map displays three-to-five-day forecasts for Hurricane Irene, shows evacuation routes and which coastal areas of the eastern United States are in danger of facing a storm surge.

Besides maps, online tools developed by Google include the "Person Finder," which attempts to locate and reunite victims of earthquakes or other disasters.

Millions of Americans are bracing for Irene, a Category Two hurricane packing 105-mile (165-kilometer) winds, which is expected to slam into North Carolina on Saturday before heading north toward New York.

Hurricanes are rare on the US eastern seaboard, home to more than 65 million people living in a string of densely populated cities from Washington to New York to Boston.

Diamond planet spotted far, far away

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A glitter in the sky caught their eye, and astronomers have documented what they believe is the first tiny planet made of diamond some 4,000 light years away, according to a study published Thursday.

The discovery of the small, fast-spinning gem world that has more mass than the gas giant Jupiter was made by an international team of researchers who published their findings in the journal Science.

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Health & Living

Obesity costs set to surge, with US in lead - Lancet studies

PARIS (AFP) - One in every two American adults will be obese by 2030, adding hugely to the country's health costs, according to studies published on Friday that highlight the growing burden of the world's obesity pandemic.

On present trends, 50-51 percent of American men and 45-52 percent of American women will by 2030 have a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more, adding as many as 65 million to the country's population of obese adults, says one of the papers.

Twenty-four million of these 65 million will be older than 60.

The calculation extrapolates national estimates for 2007-08, the latest years for which data were available, when about 32 percent of American adults were obese.

Britain, too, will see a surge in obesity prevalence, from 26 percent to 41-48 percent in men, and in women from 26 percent to 35-43 percent.

By 2030, as many as 11 million more British adults will be obese, 3.3 million of them aged more than 60.

The study, led by Claire Wang of Columbia University in New York and Klim McPherson of Oxford University, says that medical costs will surge, given obesity's links with diabetes, cancer, heart disease and stroke.

Today, around 1.5 billion adults are overweight and a further 0.5 billion obese, with 170 million children classified as overweight or obese.

Tackling obesity accounts for between two and six percent of health-care costs in many countries and for some regions has even eclipsed tobacco as the biggest preventable cause of disease, according to the studies published in The Lancet.

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HK study finds molecule that offers fertility hope

HONG KONG (AFP) - Hong Kong scientists said Friday they have discovered a molecule that binds human sperm to an egg, in a breakthrough which offers new hope for infertile couples.

The study by researchers at the University of Hong Kong (HKU) found a key molecule on the coating of the human egg, called sialyl-LewisX

(SLeX), which acts as a binding agent to help the sperm and egg stick together.

"This research provides an enlightening answer to a basic important question and human fertilisation -- how does a sperm bind to an egg?" William Yeung, one of the researchers, told AFP.

"But this is only a first step that will lead to more discov-

eries," said Yeung, who is also a professor at HKU's department of obstetrics and gynaecology.

The identification of SLeX will help to pinpoint patients whose infertility results from a lack of the substance.

Armed with this information, they will then be able to choose a fertility treatment known as intracytoplasmic

sperm injection, which directly injects a single sperm into the egg, said the researcher.

The study, which began in 2009, found SLeX on 70 percent of all the 195 unfertilised eggs tested. The eggs were donated by patients.

Researchers expect the discovery to be put into clinical use in two years.

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ELMAR had hands full as barrios got weather beating



NOORD -- As early as 7 o'clock in the morning the calls began coming in about electrical outages in different barrios in the Noord district. Elmar dispatched their technical people to the sites, who immediately ascertained that the damages were many and great and spread out over the Washington, Noord and Alto Vista areas. The bad weather pulled down light poles, loosened cables, blew fuses which were blown out over house roofs and unto the streets. Several transformers were burned out by lightning. Sink roofs which were lifted off of house tops cut through overhead electrical wires and other installations on light poles.

As a result of all of this those barrios behind the Elmar building in Hato, which receive their power from the "Hato Line" and the "Alto Vista Line" experienced a total black out.

Shortly after the Hato and

Alto Vista black out, the "Washington Line" was also cut off. This was then followed by a black out in the "Calabas Line."

Elmar's technical crew responded immediately to the situation and rapidly fixed the problems and restored electrical power to the areas mentioned. It was a very difficult task to accomplish their job with automobiles constantly driving by obstructing the work in progress. Several equipment had to be replaced as they were totally burned out by lightning flashes. After several hours the electrical company, Elmar, was able to restore normal electrical power to all the affected barrios. Elmar expressed her apologies for the inconvenience caused by the bad weather, which was totally beyond their control. A portion of the damage to Elmar's network is covered by insurance.



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all received the Distinguished-Visitor of Aruba certificates and Mrs. Raquel Hernandez received her Ambassador of Goodwill certificate.

The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel, in presence of Mrs. Linda Brokke from the Renaissance Ocean Suites.

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14. OBE member
15. Sandy's two-cent's worth
16. Gamin's garb
17. "___ Since Eve" (1937 film)
18. Waikiki greeting
19. Its capital is Godthaab
21. Christmas, to Pierre
23. ___-tapping (lively, as

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26. DDE's command
27. Sauna setting
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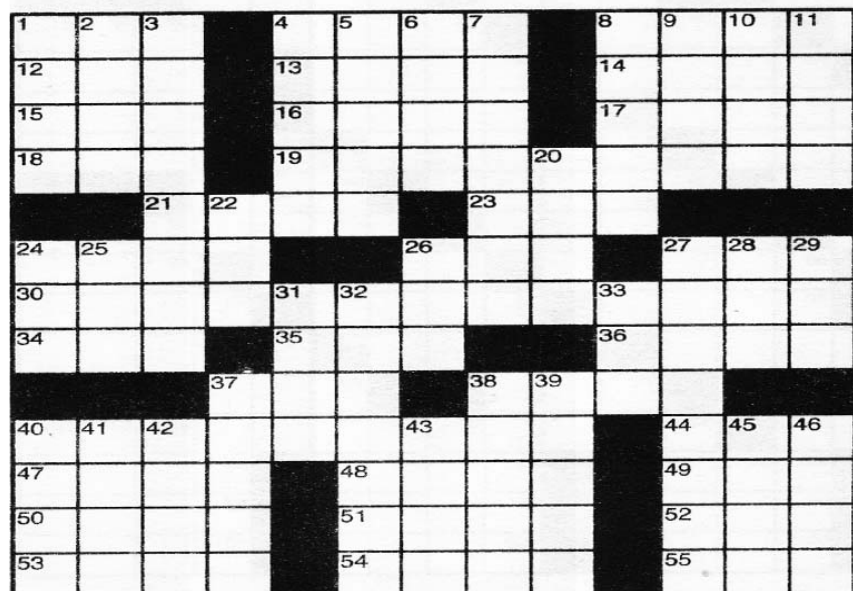
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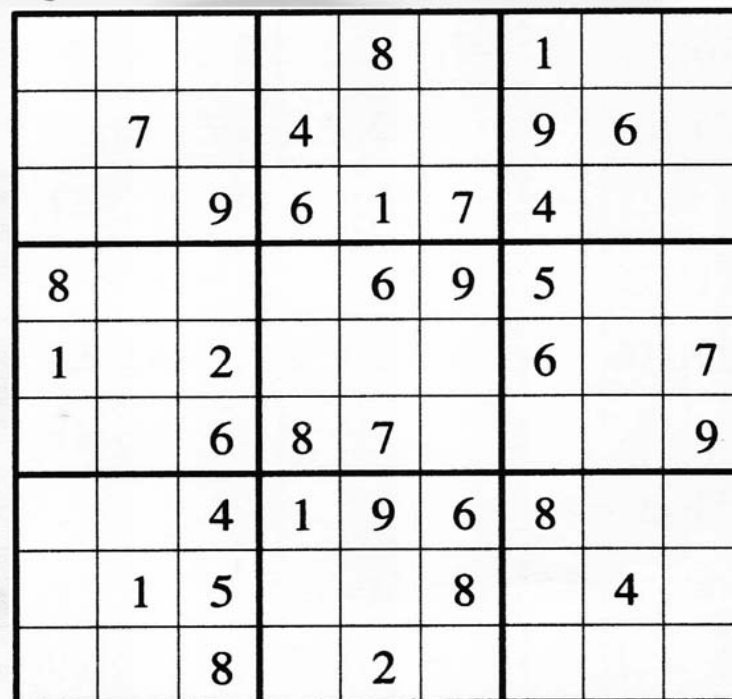
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Billions of dollars in losses feared from Irene

NEW YORK (AFP) - Hurricane Irene is threatening to deliver another blow to the already shaky US economy, with one forecasting firm predicting Friday that it could cause up to \$10 billion in damages.

Kinetic Analysis Corp., a company that does computer modeling of predicted storm damage, predicted that Irene would cause \$5-10 billion in damages, based on the latest available weather data.

Losses could include damage to flooded buildings, business interruptions and cleanup costs picked by the government, said Chuck Watson, the company's director of research and development.

The toll could vary strongly depending on how close the storm comes to New York City, the US financial capital and largest city with nearly 19 million people living in its metropolitan area.

Officials from North Carolina to New York have declared states of emergency and tens of thousands of residents have been ordered to higher ground as Irene races toward the US mainland.

Big-box retailers such as Wal-Mart said they had stocked up on items that people needed ahead of a natural disaster, such as bottled water and canned foods.

The insurance industry

could be strained by Irene, particularly since it has already been forced to pay out billions for worse-than-usual weather this year, analysts said.

Insured losses caused by severe storms in the United States totalled more than \$16 billion in the first half of 2011, according to data from German reinsurance giant Munich Re.

In the last 10 years, the average figure was only \$6.4 billion, but losses jumped this year because of a streak of deadly tornados.

Hurricanes rarely reach the northeastern United States, but a handful of precedents suggest that the economic impact of Irene could be serious.

Dutch lender ABN Amro to cut 2,350 jobs

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch bank ABN Amro said Friday it will cut 2,350 jobs over the next three to four years, out of 26,500, as it continues to restructure after nearly collapsing in the global financial crisis.

"Despite continuous efforts to reduce redundancies to a minimum, 1,500 positions are expected to go through redundancies and the remaining 850 through natural attrition," ABN Amro said in a statement.

ABN Amro also said it returned to profit in the first half of the year, with net earnings of 864 million

euros (\$1.23 billion), compared with a loss of 968 million euros a year earlier.

The Dutch bank was taken over by Royal Bank of Scotland in 2007 in a massive, overpriced deal just before the global financial crisis sparked by collapse of US investment bank Lehman Brothers.

ABN Amro, which had interests across Europe, was subsequently bailed out by the Dutch and Belgian governments and was then broken up into its smaller parts, leaving the business in Holland as the rump holding.

Ministers agree on Dutch budget

AMSTERDAM - Finance Minister Jan Kees de Jager says the cabinet has agreed the measures to be announced on Dutch Budget Day (Prinjesdag) in September. He told reporters that "a couple of things" still had to be worked out but that the cabinet needn't meet again to do that.

His colleague, Social Af-

fairs Minister Henk Kamp, however, had said shortly before that everything needed to be gone over again by the cabinet next week. He explained that only after that would the final budget decisions be taken.

Prime Minister Mark Rutte finally put an end to the confusion, saying all the political decisions had been harmoniously decided upon and that next week would just be about technicalities. He went on to say that purchasing

power will have to fall in 2012 because of cuts which are necessary to balance the government's books.

Sources in The Hague say ministers want to limit the reduction in purchasing power to between 0 and 2 percent for all sections of society. Earlier it was feared that groups such as people on low incomes, families with children and pensioners would be especially hard hit by the cuts in 2012.

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Aruba is one of the places in the world where the sun is the strongest. Located only 12.5 degrees north of the equator, the sun shines with maximum strength and penetrates the atmosphere with a maximum amount of UV rays. What most people don't know on water and sand, which means that even in the shade you need protection.

Protecting the skin from the sun during childhood and adolescence is important in reducing cancer risks later in life. By building safe sun habits into your family's daily routine, you will make your children understand and get used to being protected against the sun and they will become more aware of the harmful effects it can have to their skin. Parents should take the lead by giving the good example; children will respond better when they see their parents protecting their skin as well.



Important recommendations:

- Wear protective clothing when out in the sun. Choose shirts and slacks made of tightly woven fabrics that you can't see through when held up to light.
- Cover up with Hats. Choose hats that shade your child's face, neck and ears.
- Apply Sunscreen every day on skin that is not protected by clothing or a hat. Choose a sunscreen with a high Sun Protection Factor (SPF) such as Aruba Aloe's Waterproof SPF 30 sunscreen for maximum protection. For babies and children under 2 years old, make sure to use a special sunscreen that gives extra protection for the sensitive skin such as "Waterproof Babies SPF 30" from Aruba Aloe. Remember to reapply after swimming, sweating or toweling dry if you use a sunscreen that is not waterproof.
- Use sunscreen even on hazy or overcast days.
- Keep an extra bottle of sunscreen in the car.
- Pack a bottle of sunscreen in your child's bag.
- Use Sunglasses that block UV rays and protect the eyes and the surrounding tender skin.
- Play in the Shade. The sun's rays are generally strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If your children are outdoors, make sure their skin is protected.
- Teach your children the shadow rule. When outside, if your shadow is shorter than you are, it means that the sun is high in the sky and the UV rays are most intense.
- Protect children younger than 6 months of age with clothing and keep them in the shade.

For more advice on how to best protect your and your children's skin against the sun, please call Aruba Aloe: 588-3222 or visit the website www.ArubaAloe.com

Aruba Aloe products are available at most hotels, supermarkets, pharmacies and the Aruba Aloe Stores.



Buster's Garage in South Beach Center: One place for the whole family

Buster's Garage, a New York City landmark, made its way to Aruba about a year ago, and found a new home at the South Beach Center across from the Radisson Resort. Dedicated to the sports fanatic, the spacious but homey interior is the perfect place to keep up with your favorite team and have a great meal.

Fun for all the family, Buster's has typical sport bar fare such as chicken wings, quesadillas, calamari rings for munching while watching the main event on 24 giant plasma screens. Every seat is good seat for catching all the action. Open from noon for lunch or dinner, it has plenty of distractions for the younger crowd, including foosball, and a video arcade, so Mom and Dad can relax and enjoy their meal.

The moderately priced menu includes all your favorite finger foods and a great selection of local and imported beers. Customer reviews gave Buster's Garage 4.5 stars out of 5 on yellowpages-aruba.com; one declared "my wife and I happened to stumble upon it -but what a find!" Another stated "Owner Rusty is so down to earth. The food was very good and the prices were outstanding for the High-Rise area. Aruba needed a place like this."

Buster's regularly organizes special events with live music. At 10 p.m. it turns into a cozy adult hangout; 18 years and over only allowed, with a DJ on duty nightly and boasting the only beerpong table on Aruba. Aside from a great place to root for the home team or your favorites during playoffs and championships,

they regularly carry all UFC fights & WWE events.

Buster's is a great place where island visitors and residents mix and mingle; Monday to Thursday they close at 2:00 a.m., weekends at 4:00 a.m.



'Kadhafi' the croc eyes new name as rebels storm Tripoli

JERUSALEM (AFP) - A crocodile named "Moamer Kadhafi" may be given a new name to spare his life after Libyan rebels stormed Tripoli, in a move likely to spell the end for the country's autocratic leader.

News out of Libya has worried keepers at the Hamat Gader crocodile farm on the occupied Golan Heights, who are concerned the demise of the Libyan strongman could spell a sticky end for their own "Kadhafi" -- a three-metre giant who weighs some 230 kilos (507 pounds).

In 2004, another of their crocodiles called "Yasser Arafat" died

just weeks after the veteran Palestinian leader passed away in a Paris hospital in November 2004, spokeswoman Meital Dana told AFP.

"He died at the end of 2004, just a few weeks afterwards," she told AFP, confirming a story first reported in Maariv.

Park officials are now looking into a new name in the hope it will spare "Kadhafi" the same fate, she said.

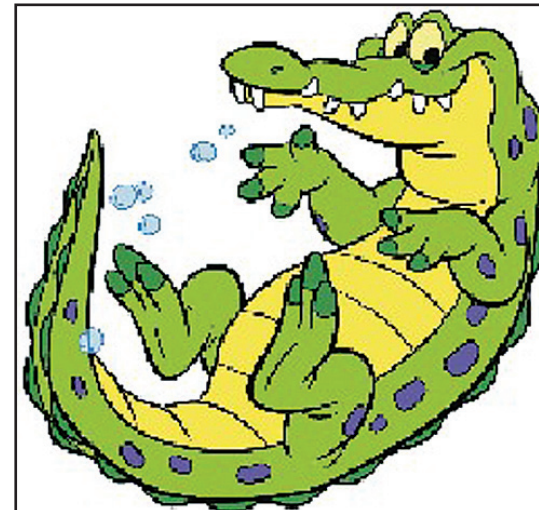
The giant crocodile won his name for both his size and the year he was born: 1975, when Kadhafi first published The Green

Book outlining his political philosophy, Dana said.

Hamat Gader is the largest crocodile farm in the Middle East, and home to around 200 crocodiles from all over the world, including several others named after world leaders, Dana said.

Besides Kadhafi, they have a "Putin", after Russian Prime Minister and ex-president Vladimir Putin, and one named for the Italian premier Silvio Berlusconi.

"We have one called Berlusconi, who is a real skirt chaser," she said. "He's always with the females."



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RIM launches BlackBerry Messenger music-share

MONTREAL (AFP) - Research In Motion launched a collaboration Thursday with major record labels to allow BlackBerry users to access and exchange music via instant messenger.

BlackBerry Messenger Music will let the world's 45 million BlackBerry Messenger users compile a personal library of up to 50 songs that they can listen to and share with friends, a company statement said.

The idea is that once you add friends to your "BBM Music Community" you can share as many tracks as you want with them, building up the size of your shared music

library in the process.

"We are thrilled to be extending the experience into a uniquely social and interactive music service," said RIM president and co-chief executive Mike Lazaridis.

The Canadian-based company has signed an agreement with music industry giants such as Universal, Sony, Warner and EMI to build a catalogue of millions of songs.

The service was launched within Canada, the United States and Britain on Thursday and will be available by the end of the year to all worldwide users of BlackBerry Messenger at a price of

\$4.99 per month.

The price includes 50 songs, 25 of which the user can switch out for new songs each month.

The BlackBerry, for a longtime known as the businessman's phone of choice, has become more popular among a younger clientele, though notably that demographic still prefers Apple's iPhone or Google's Android.

RIM has recently launched new products to make up for lost ground in the hyper-competitive smartphone and digital tablet market. Earlier this week, it announced new versions of its BlackBerry Curve smartphone.

No jury sequestration for Jackson doctor trial



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A US judge refused to sequester the jury in the trial of Michael Jackson's doctor for involuntary manslaughter, despite a case the defense says could be "the most publicized in history."

In a request filed last week, attorneys for Conrad Murray said the jury should be sequestered "in order to ensure that it is free from outside influences and guarantee the defendant a fair trial by an impartial jury."

The doctor's defense team said it would be "Pollyanna to expect the jury members to go home each workday and weekend for six weeks and entirely avoid the mass of exposure this trial will engender."

Prosecutors opposed the request, with Deputy District Attorney David Walgren saying, "We feel at some point there has to be a level of trust granted to jurors."

Pastor confirmed that he

would give strict instructions to the jurors, and that he expected them to "follow the high road."

Murray, the last doctor to treat Jackson, is on trial for involuntary homicide in the "King of Pop's" death on June 25, 2009 after an overdose of the anesthesia propofol, which the 50-year-old singer used as a sleeping aid.

Murray, who was in charge of administering the powerful drug to the star, faces up to four years in prison if convicted.

His defense team is expected to argue that Jackson gave himself an excessive dose of the drug while the doctor was out of the room at the singer's mansion in the affluent Holmby Hills neighborhood west of Los Angeles.

Jury selection will begin on September 8, with opening statements scheduled for the end of next month.

A new hearing is however set for Monday to examine a request from prosecutors, who hope to exclude or limit certain testimony from defense witnesses.

They are specifically concerned about the testimony of a police officer who participated in the investigation into accusations of pedophilia against Jackson in 2003, for which he was acquitted.

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Isner routs Roddick to reach ATP final



(L-R) John Isner of the USA shakes hands with Andy Roddick of the USA after defeating Roddick in the semifinals of the Winston-Salem Open at the Wake Forest University Tennis Complex yesterday in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

WINSTON-SALEM, August 26, 2011 (AFP) - John Isner ended the pre-US Open comeback effort of US countryman Andy Roddick on Friday, posting a 7-6 (9/7), 6-4 victory to reach the final of the ATP Winston-Salem Open.

Isner, runner-up in Atlanta in July against American number one Mardy Fish, will play for his third career trophy on Saturday against the winner of a later semi-final between French qualifier Julien Benneteau and Dutch 10th seed Robin Haase.

Isner, who grew up just 50 kilometers from the site of the new ATP event, came to the court standing 1-3 against longtime American number one Roddick.

But a year of injury and poor form took a toll on Roddick, who turns 29 next Thursday during the US Open, with the top seed failing to hold onto a 3-1 lead in the second set as Isner overhauled him to streak to the victory in just over 90 minutes.

Roddick, who had not dropped a service game in 26 coming into the Isner match,

was finally broken to start the second set after losing the first in a tie-breaker, with Isner saving a set point on a running forehand down the line.

Though Roddick got out to a lead in the second, Isner was able to haul him in, finishing with 34 winners and half as many unforced errors. His ace count was a modest eight on the day compared to 10 for 2003 US Open winner Roddick.

Isner admitted that a change in the weather helped his cause.

"The sun was the difference - really," said the world number 28. "It went behind the clouds in the second set, I felt a cool breeze and got some energy back."

"I had been struggling a bit after the long first set (which he won in a tiebreaker). I wanted to keep the points short - you can't win a 10 of 15-shot rally with Andy, he's just too good. I started to play offensively."

Isner, who won a trophy on Newport grass the week after Wimbledon, said he was aided by his ability to conserve energy.

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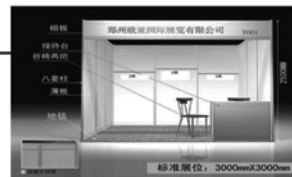
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Iliadis back on top of the world



PARIS (AFP) - Ilias Iliadis added to his repertoire of spectacular show-reel moments as he lit up Paris to claim a second straight world under-90kg title this week.

The Greek fighter of Georgian origin threw one opponent straight over his head, picked another up onto his hip before suplexing him and then beat a Japanese fighter with a classical Japanese technique.

It was all in a day's work as Iliadis proved he is the most exciting fighter in the world.

He is now an Olympic champion, twice world champion and twice European champion and yet all he has to say about his sport is: "I love this job, I love judo."

Born Giorgi Zviadauri, Iliadis defected to Greece as a teenager to participate in the Athens Olympics, taking the place reserved for the home fighter.

At that time, he had only been on the international circuit a year, fighting at under-73kg at the 2003 World Championships in Osaka, Japan, where he almost stunned home favourite Yusuke Kanamaru, scoring a waza-ari half point before his inexperience cost him and he was thrown for the maximum ippon.

A year later, aged 20, he was fighting up a weight at under-81kg and he enjoyed a dream year, first winning the European title and then adding the Olympic crown, earning the adoration of his adopted people.

He may be Georgian, spend all his time with the Georgian team and fight for a Georgian club team, but he says the Greeks have a special place in his heart.

"I don't know what to feel, it's just a big happiness. I

want to thank my coach and my family," he said after his victory.

"This is a present for my country because now these are difficult times in Greece. This medal is for my wife because she's waiting for a baby."

A year after the Olympics he moved up to under-90kg but still maintained his strengths.

Iliadis is known for his incredible power but anyone who believes he is all muscle and no guile would be mistaken.

In his first bout, in the second round after a bye, he had to be smart and fight tactically, beating Poland's Robert Krawczyk on a penalty.

He then showed he's more than just a thrower by pinning Algeria's Lyes Bouyakoub after showing genuine judo nous to turn him over on the ground.

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Robles predicts 'spectacular' hurdles



DAEGU (AFP) - Olympic champion Dayron Robles Friday predicted a "spectacular" 110m hurdles at the world championships as the three quickest men in history prepare to face off in a mouthwatering race.

The Cuban will be in a three-way fight with fierce rival David Oliver and Chinese superstar Liu Xiang for the title in one of the most keenly anticipated events in Daegu, South Korea.

"There are many athletes of a great level in my event. There are David Oliver and Liu Xiang. I'm also there. I think it'll be spectacular," said Robles, who holds the world record of 12.87sec.

"When you have a number of high-class athletes you can force it more, run faster and prepare more. Everyone wants to win," added Robles, who said he dreamed "each day" of breaking his own record.

US star Oliver said the 110m deserved its top billing at the world championships, adding: "We've got the three fastest people ever in the event timewise."

"It's cool that we're in the

spotlight. We'll just go out there and perform like we normally do and give the fans a great show," he said.

The US star said he was unsure whether the South Korean fans would witness a new world record but predicted a fast race with the stellar field on show.

"I just want to make sure I go out there and try to win the gold medal. Nobody ever remembers times."

"If that happens (the world record is broken), that's great. With that field out there there's a lot of capable people," Oliver added.

"I feel pretty good, you know. Ready to go out there on Sunday and have a couple of good races. I've been looking forward to this, gearing everything towards this championship since we finished the USA trials," Oliver said.

The only hurdler to clock a sub-13sec time this season is Oliver, timing 12.94sec in beating Liu (13.00) in an early-season Diamond League meet in Eugene, Oregon.

But the solidly built 29-

year-old American has otherwise had a patchy season, losing in his four other Diamond League races to Robles (twice), Liu and US teammate Jason Richardson.

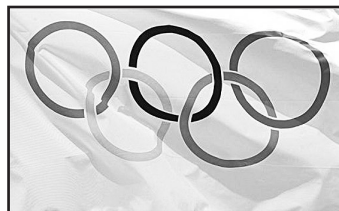
Oliver, who went through the 2010 season unbeaten, denied he was nervous ahead of Sunday's 110m heats, saying he was used to taking on his two main rivals and knew them well.

China's Liu, the 2004 Olympic champion and former world record holder, is once again eyeing the record as he continues his comeback from the Achilles injury that caused him to limp out of the 2008 Olympics.

"Perfecting and meticulously handling the details, making the right adjustments to my rhythm and smoothly running the race are all the things that top world competitors must do," Liu told Shanghai's Xinmin Evening News this week.

"If it is possible, I hope that I can retake the world record at the world championships," said Liu, the 2007 world champion.

Qatar confirms bid for 2020 Olympics



QATAR- (AFP)- Super-rich Qatar confirmed Friday they will bid for the 2020 Olympics after receiving positive feedback on plans to stage the showpiece in the autumn to escape searing 40C-plus summer temperatures in the Gulf.

Qatar has already been controversially awarded the 2022 World Cup which will be played in specially-created, air-conditioned stadiums.

But their Olympics would take place in September and October instead of in the traditional window between

July 15 and August 31.

Four cities have already submitted bids to host the 2020 Games -- Rome, Tokyo, Madrid and Istanbul.

International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said earlier Friday that plans to stage the Games in the autumn would be discussed with the Qataris.

Qatar Olympic Committee (QOC) president Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani said that following confirmation regarding the flexibility of dates, his country was entering the 2020 race.

The deadline for submitting bids is September 1 and the IOC will decide in September 2013 in Buenos Aires who will host the 2020 Games, which will follow the 2012 and 2016 editions in London and Rio de Janeiro.

Thome traded back to Cleveland



CLEVELAND (AFP) - Minnesota Twins have dealt Jim Thome to the Cleveland Indi-

ans, who hope the home run specialist can help them catch first-place Detroit in the standings.

Thome spent 12 seasons with Cleveland from 1991-2002 and is their career leader in home runs.

He has a team-record 334 homers and belted 52 in his final year before signing as a free agent with Philadelphia.

Earlier this month, the 40-year old Thome became the eighth player in Major League Baseball history to hit 600 homers.



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Mourinho plans assault on Barcelona's crown



BARCELONA (AFP) - With Barcelona having strengthened their squad over the summer, Jose Mourinho and Real Madrid face an ominous task in preventing the Catalans from winning a fourth straight Spanish title.

In recent years Real have been known as La Liga's big spenders, with president Florentino Perez paying lavishly for high-profile figures like Cristiano Ronaldo, Kaka and Xabi Alonso, while Barcelona have been regarded as the club who nurture their own talent through their famous youth system.

However, this summer has been vastly different for the two giants of the Spanish game.

Despite another league and Champions League double, Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola looked for proven reinforcements.

His number one target, Cesc Fabregas, finally made the move from Arsenal after

yet another summer of rumours and conjecture.

As a product of the Barca academy and close friend of a number of the players, there is little doubt that the former Arsenal captain will fit comfortably into the Camp Nou dressing room.

Meanwhile, Chile's Alexis Sanchez, the other major summer recruit, also has the traits to do well as a skilful attacking midfielder who joined the club on the back of an excellent season for Udinese.

Madrid appear to have realised at long last that simply throwing cash at the best players in the world will not build a team that can overcome a Barca side whose well-oiled passing has taken years of playing together to perfect.

That seems to owe to the influence of Mourinho, whose own position at the club was strengthened by the resignation of director gen-

eral Jorge Valdano.

That handed the Portuguese greater power over the management and construction of the team and he has concentrated on further bolstering the backline with the captures of Fabio Coentrao and Raphael Varane.

Midfielders Nuri Sahin and Hamit Altintop, meanwhile, have arrived from the Bundesliga.

The only attacking player to arrive is Jose Callejon, who returns to his first club

after a good season at Espanyol.

The attack actually looks slightly weaker after Mourinho opted against making Emmanuel Adebayor's loan from Manchester City a permanent deal, but the coach does not see that as a problem.

"It is a small squad but that is our decision and we have all the positives and negatives associated with that," said Mourinho.

"The transfer market is

open until August 31 but as far as I am concerned the squad is now closed and there will not be people entering or leaving.

"We have two players per position and a balanced squad that I have confidence in and I believe that they have confidence in me also.

"We have been working well during the summer and if necessary we have players from the youth team who are now mature enough to step up a level."



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